

# The Brethren Evangelist.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

S. J. HARRISON, Editor  
S. H. Bashor, Vice Editor.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J. M. Tombaugh I. D. Bowman  
C. Forney.

Address all communications for this office to Ashland, Ohio, and for the sake of convenience, make all drafts, express orders, etc., payable to S. J. Harrison.

ASHLAND, OHIO, FEBRUARY 7TH, 1894.

## ABOUT "HOMER"

Many letters have expressed disappointment that number 4 did not contain more information concerning Homer's condition. We had two reasons for reticence.

1. Our sorrow has not likely been any greater than that of many other fathers among our readers who have had to see their own dear little boys and girls, pure and sweet from God's hand, suffer and die. But it would be impossible to crowd every one's sorrow into our columns; and yet each reader of the EVANGELIST is as much entitled to sympathy and brotherly love as the editor. Only as our work on the paper was effected did we feel at liberty to use space with our personal affairs.

2. When we went to press with number 4 we did not know anything more to report than had been given in previous issues. Upon our return to Chicago last week we found our boy looking somewhat emaciated and not making any such progress as the doctor had predicted for him.

Considering it best to change doctors we took the suggestion of our Brother Doctor Mc.Clain of Larrabee, Iowa, and went to Dr. N. R. Davis, a very eminent man in his profession. Dr. Davis said the tumor is "a fibrous growth or tubercular enlargement of the mesentery and mesenteric glands—not connected with the liver."

As to its removal by surgery he did not think it could be done successfully, as the probabilities are that the tumor has grown into the intestines, and parts of these would have to be removed to get the tumor out; and that he did not think any surgeon of reputation would undertake to do. Such tumors are likely to produce serious disturbances in the vital organs of the body; but they sometimes cease to grow and those who have them live to a moderate old age; they are also sometimes, if not tuberculous, resolved and eliminated.

The remedy can be administered here just as

well as in the city, and in other respects it will be better for the boy here than in the dark, dirty, foggy city. Hence, while we had made extensive preparations to be absent for an indefinite period we have already returned to Ashland.

If all goes well for a week we shall be able from then to avoid most of the numerous mistakes that have been quite exasperating to many of our patrons. All who have renewed their subscriptions, but are not receiving the paper should drop us a card at once and the trouble will be immediately adjusted.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

No man ever became extremely wicked all at once.

Speak fair words and you will always hear kind echoes.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.

The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with new.

We should always conduct ourselves towards our enemy as if he were one day to be our friend.

Bro. Haskins was expected to begin a protracted meeting at Warsaw, Ind., on the 4th inst.

Bro. H. M. Lichty helps to cheer up our sister's department with his "singing in the home."

It is not one tremendous effort that will make us good, but constant succession of struggles with little sins.

Sister Slotter's "talks no. 1" on page 86, is intensely practical. If you are sleepy and want to be wakened up read it.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace that we are able to know how much dross there is in our composition.

Benefit your friends, that they may love you still more dearly; benefit your enemies, that they may become your friends.

The Brethren at Cornell, Ill., expect Bro. Palmer to conduct a revival meeting for them soon. The Lord bless their efforts.

When a man measures the Bible by himself, the book is sure to be wrong; but when he measures himself by the Bible, he is sure to be wrong.

Pro. L. L. Garber, of Belleville has been here assisting his Bro. A. L. to set up the new job press, and re-arrange the office. We are glad to have him with us.

It is astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch drops; one little sin indulged makes a hole you could put your head through.

The love feast at Ankenytown will occur 16th, instead of 17th, as previously announced. It is our intention to attend and remain over Sunday if the Lord will.

After a silence of several weeks through prolonged sickness of himself and good wife, Bro. W. W. Summers comes to us again with zeal and blessing in the hands of God.

Bro. Talley says on a card to us, "I have been just too busy to write. I ought to have sent in my article on Baptism, but haven't time to correct and get it ready for the press. We are holding Gospel meetings every night; five came out last night, and think more will follow."

We wish our reporters would do just the opposite of what they generally think they ought to do; viz.: Make your reports as interesting to your home congregations as possible without regard to their appreciation by the general Brrotherhood. By straining to put a *general* character on interesting local affairs we find they are stripped of their life and power.

In this number we publish the second of Brother Christner's sermons. It will be especially enjoyed by those whose only preacher is the EVANGELIST, and by those who wish to study the mechanical structure of the sermons that bring conviction to the hearts of those who hear them. The sermon outlines which we shall next publish have been blessed where they have just been delivered in the conversion of over half a hundred souls. There are some, of course, who do not care for these; but we are fully convinced that they are a valuable feature in the EVANGELIST.

We may not only know a man or woman's character by the company he or she keeps, but even more certainly by the literature read. As each member of a family takes up a large weekly of several departments and opens it up to the department interesting him, the most casual observer can see where the heart is. Too often it is on the fashion plates or vulgar romance. If you are in doubt as to the character of any one just place yourself in a position to see what literature he or she chooses and the secret will be revealed to you.

Sister E. H. Skinner, of Brooklyn, Iowa, says: "I would be willing to give ten dollars to help pay Bro. Holsinger if you can get forty-six more to do so. I think we could get ten dollars from the Ladies Aid Society here. I shall see at the next meeting." This is encouraging. If some one in each congregation will just appoint himself as agent to raise this incubus upon our reputation and prosperity, it can be done within the next thirty days. Of course "times are hard," but in a few years all the treasure you can have will be what you deposited with God. Live realizing the truth that he who saves this life loses eternal life.